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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/28/08

SPONSOR Gutierrez LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 373

SHORT TITLE NMSU Pan American Dance Institute SB \_\_\_\_\_

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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$200.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 373 appropriates \$200.0 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University to establish a Pan American Dance Institute.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$200.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2009 shall revert to the general fund.

The HED states that this request was submitted by NMSU to the New Mexico Higher Education Department (NMHED) for review, but was not included in the Department's Executive funding recommendations for FY09.

The HED's evaluation table of FY09 Research and Public Service Projects provided to the LFC classifies this project as a "would not oppose if funding available" project. Reasons for this classification decision are not provided. (LFC Report 07-20, Higher Education Department Review of Selected Research and Public Service Projects, January 12, 2008, Table 4, p74.)

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

According to the HED, The purpose of the Pan American Dance Institute (PADI) is to develop learning communities that will support self expression, human development, scholarly inquiry, and artistic creativity through dance. In order to help attract and retain a diverse student population at NMSU, the PADI will provide an environment where students are motivated to learn by associating with a community of learners and being exposed to diverse cultures outside of their own through the study and presentation of dance. PADI will also create an environment that embraces the history and cultures of peoples from the North, Central, and South Americas, and also from the Caribbean. PADI will bring together students from the Latino and Hispanic communities in areas that are served by NMSU.

The HED notes that the four major goals of PADI are:

- To provide the highest quality educational and artistic opportunities for students;
- To support and promote international programs that enrich the lives of students and members of the NMSU community and beyond;
- To provide comprehensive and high-quality resources for advanced study and research of dance and related fields at NMSU; and
- To locate, renovate, and build venues for rehearsals, performers, choreographers and historians.

The HED notes further that this initiative would provide professional development opportunities for dance teachers, professionals, and pre-professionals as international professionals will be brought in during conferences and other events. Outreach efforts often target children in public schools throughout the southern portion of the state. The program is categorized under the Arts and Entertainment industry cluster, which is one of the state’s seven target career clusters.

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